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SUBJECT: TRINIDAD & TOBAGO PARLIAMENT APPROVES CARIBBEAN
COMMUNITY TREATY

SUMMARY: T& T PARLIAMENT APPROVED CARIBBEAN TREATY JUNE
18. A LONG LIST OF DIGNITARIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE
SIGNING CEREMONY IN PORT OF SPAIN JULY 4 INCLUDING THE
GOVERNORS OF PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS AND CUBA
FOREIGN MINISTER.

1. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE ON JUNE 15 AND 18
RESPECTIVELY VOTED APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY
AND COMMON MARKET TREATY. IN SPEECH TO THE THOUSE, PRIME
MINISTER WILLIAMS NOTED THAT TREATY DOES NOT GO AS FAR
AS HE WOULD LIKE. HE WARNED THAT THERE WOULD BE MANY
"LIABILITIES" ON FUTURE EFFORTS AT CARIBBEAN ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION AND COMMENTED THAT IN HIS "PESSIMISTIC MOMENTS"
HE BELIEVED THAT THE LIABILITIES MAY BE INCREASING RATHER
THAN DECREASING. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE CARIBBEAN
COMMUNITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE NEW TREATY WOULD MAKE A
MOVE TO FEDERATION SIMPLER THAN IT HAD PROVED IN 1958,
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ALTHOUGH FEDERATION IS NOT CONTEMPLATED AT THIS TIME.

2. WHILE REVIEWING THE PAST HISTORY OF CARIBBEAN COOPERATION, WILLIAMS EMPHASIZED THAT HIS PARTY HAD ALWAYS BEEN FOR COOPERATION AMONG ALL THE CARIBBEAN STATES INCLUDING SANTO DOMINGO, PUERTO RICO, SURINAM AND HAITI. IN PASSING, HE BLAMED " COLONIALIST" INTERFERENCE FOR LACK OF ACHIEVEMENT UNDER THE PREVIOUS WEST INDIAN FEDERATION, IMPLICATING BOTH THE U. S. AND U. K.

3. GOTT ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS INVITED A LARGE NUMBER OF CARIBBEAN DIGNITARIES TO WITNESS THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY IN PORT OF SPAIN JULY 4. IN ADDITION TO THE LEADERS OF CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING THE BAHAMAS, OTHER ANNOUNCED INVITEES ARE THE PRIME MINISTERS OF SURINAM AND THE NETHERLAND ANTILLES; THE GOVERNORS OF THE U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS AND OF PUERTO RICO; THE CHIEF MINISTER OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS; THE PRIME MINISTER OF BERMUDA; AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF HAITI, CUBA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF PUERTO RICO, HAVANA, AND SANTO DOMINGO; THE COLLEGES OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE CARIFTA COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ARE INVITED. ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, GOTT HAS ALSO INVITED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY, THE ANDEAN GROUP, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS AND OFFICIALS OF OTHER REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. MARSHALL

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